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Re application of:

**Brian M. Adams *et al.***

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For: **SPILL-REDUCTION CAP FOR  
FLUID CONTAINER**

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**SECOND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Sir:

An AMENDED APPEAL BRIEF is submitted herewith, which includes a clean copy of the claims and is thus responsive to the NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANCE of February 2, 2004. Applicants take this opportunity to address an outstanding rejection addressed by the ADVISORY ACTION of October 30, 2002. A petition for a one-month extension of time is submitted herewith along with the appropriate fee to extend the due date from March 2, 2004 to April 2, 2004. Applicants submit the following amendment after final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 does not raise new issues and presents the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal.

**AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks, including arguments, begin on page 11 of this paper.